



## 2023 GHSA Qualifier #2: Lake Oconee, Buckhead, GA February 18, 2023

### **Tournament Director:**

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### **High School Fishing Contacts:**

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### **Competition Waters:**

- Lake Oconee

### **Practice:**

- Competition waters are open for practice until 5 p.m. on Feb. 17
- The purchasing of, or bartering for, information or the hiring of fishing guide services will not be permitted after Feb. 7.

### **Boat Operation:**

- Contestants are not permitted to drive the boat when the combustion engine is in operation. Each boat will be driven by a coach or volunteer driver. Contestants may operate the trolling motor. Coaches and volunteers may provide assistance, including information about locating and catching fish, but are not permitted to fish.

### **Catch & Size Limit:**

- Five bass per team; minimum 14 inches on largemouth and 12 on spotted bass.

### **License Requirement:**

- A Valid GA fishing license is required for students 16 and older. Click [here](#) to purchase.

### **Format:**

- Each GHSA approved school may enter up to six boats in each regional competition. The top 15 boats from each regional advance to the state Championship. One additional boat will advance from each regional for every 10 boats that compete over a minimum of 100 boats in the regional. Boats advance from the first event in which they qualified. If a boat has already qualified for the state championship, the next eligible boat will advance.

### **Rules:**

- GHSA, the Student Angler Federation(SAF) and MLF expect strict adherence to the following rules by all contestants. GHSA, SAF and MLF also recommend the use of non-puncturing culling clips for marking fish and livewell additives to help promote the healthy release of bass. In the event of an emergency, please call 911 first and then notify the tournament director. Click [here](#) for the complete GHSA Bass Fishing rules.

### **GHSA Contact:**

- Kevin Giddens  
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### **Registration:**

- All anglers must pre-register online at [HighSchoolFishing.org](http://HighSchoolFishing.org) no later than Monday before the event at 8am.

### **Mandatory Check-in and Meeting:**

- Friday, February 17, 5:00-7:00p.m.
- [Sugar Creek Marina](#)  
353 Parks Mill Road,  
Buckhead, GA.30506
- Anglers, coaches & captains must attend.
- Pretournament meeting immediately following check-in.

### **Takeoff and Weigh-in:**

- Saturday, February 18
- Takeoff: 7:30 a.m.
- Weigh-in: 3:30 p.m.
- [Sugar Creek Marina](#)  
353 Parks Mill Road  
Buckhead, GA.30506

### **Items to Bring:**

- Signed [liability release](#)
- Personal floatation device
- Valid student ID
- Valid license for state waters to be fished if 16 or older
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Rods and reels
- Line cutters & needle-nose pliers
- Lures & tackle
- Rainsuit
- Jersey or shirt representing your school